

MONTHLY BULLETIN OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS STATISTICS.

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1. GENERAL.

This bulletin, issued by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, (Mr. S. R. Carver) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947, for the month of December, 1948, and the six months ended December, 1948. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

The Act provides for the payment of benefits to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or temporary incapacity. It also provides another class of benefit - designated Special Benefit which gives assistance to persons on account of some special circumstances, and to those persons who cannot comply with the statutory requirements relating to unemployment or sickness benefit, and who are prevented from earning a livelihood and are in need.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven days duration is not covered, owing to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. Permanent incapacity is not included as this is covered by the Invalid Section of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit. The inclusion of claims rejected - see Section 8 - completes the coverage of all persons applying for benefit, irrespective of whether their claims are approved or rejected.

The number of "persons on benefit" in this bulletin relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependants of such beneficiaries are not included.

The details given in Sections 4, 6 and 7 refer to admittances and exits notified during the period shown and not to admittances and exits which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are preliminary and subject to revision. This applies particularly to exits, and results in persons on benefit at the end of the later months being overstated.

2. BENEFITS PAID.

The benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State during December, 1948, and the six months ended December, 1948, are shown in the following table.

I. : AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING DECEMBER, 1948 AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948.

STATES

State	Benefits paid during December, 1948				Benefits paid during six Months ended December, 1948.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.
N.S.W. (a)	2,116	24,476	6,625	33,217	12,690	163,324	19,027	195,041
Victoria	130	15,227	2,850	18,207	1,609	101,911	14,828	118,348
Queensland	4,777	11,728	877	17,382	24,579	54,094	4,112	82,785
S. Aust. (b)	2	5,445	239	5,686	431	41,276	1,943	43,650
W. Australia	630	4,811	363	5,804	6,607	33,700	3,625	43,932
Tasmania	144	2,351	211	2,706	1,884	21,071	1,805	24,760
<u>TOTAL:</u>	7,799	64,038	11,165	83,002	47,800	415,376	45,340	508,516

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

3. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT

The following table shows, for the years 1945-46 to 1947-48, and for the months December, 1947 to December, 1948, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

II. CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT - AUSTRALIA

	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
CLAIMS ADMITTED									
Year 1945-46 ..	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	200	98,875	19,213	118,088
1946-47 ..	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1947-48 ..	27,275	1,387	53,947	15,539	3,998	1,328	85,220	18,254	103,474
1947 -									
December ..	1,794	53	3,116	974	830	157	5,740	1,184	6,924
1948 -									
January ..	3,600	99	4,417	1,197	166	49	8,183	1,345	9,528
February ..	5,953	294	4,049	1,271	528	224	10,530	1,789	12,319
March ..	3,446	297	3,843	1,144	147	214	7,436	1,655	9,091
April ..	1,386	112	3,906	1,171	115	43	5,407	1,326	6,733
May ..	1,005	69	5,300	1,543	1,434	263	7,739	1,875	9,614
June ..	743	37	4,044	1,097	97	36	4,884	1,170	6,054
July ..	799	69	6,595	1,774	848	265	8,242	2,108	10,350
August ..	571	55	4,737	1,335	147	61	5,455	1,451	6,906
September ..	542	60	4,500	1,214	722	159	5,764	1,433	7,197
October (a) ..	930	51	5,115	1,490	1,283	96	7,328	1,637	8,965
November (a) ..	959	60	3,895	1,145	2,025	425	6,879	1,630	8,509
December (a) ..	907	30	2,701	763	54	17	3,662	810	4,472
DISCONTINUANCES.									
Year 1945-46 ..	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	60	86,615	17,484	104,099
1946-47 ..	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1947-48 ..	31,538	1,494	53,785	15,244	3,731	1,102	89,054	17,840	106,894
1947 -									
December ..	890	50	3,233	1,006	132	117	4,255	1,173	5,428
1948 -									
January ..	2,885	73	4,508	1,340	798	81	8,191	1,494	9,685
February ..	4,176	194	3,821	1,081	447	39	8,444	1,314	9,758
March ..	3,075	177	3,937	1,124	189	232	7,201	1,533	8,734
April ..	4,585	308	3,856	1,126	155	206	8,596	1,640	10,236
May ..	2,081	97	5,083	1,538	690	125	7,854	1,760	9,614
June ..	971	57	4,034	1,151	649	99	5,654	1,307	6,961
July ..	1,321	74	6,099	1,732	646	176	8,066	1,982	10,048
August ..	625	52	4,554	1,272	448	143	5,627	1,467	7,094
September ..	746	62	4,629	1,254	250	80	5,625	1,396	7,021
October(a) ..	694	69	5,365	1,545	1,402	157	7,461	1,771	9,232
November (a) ..	936	42	4,011	1,133	1,361	260	6,308	1,435	7,743
December (a) ..	452	46	2,936	828	1,124	201	4,512	1,075	5,587
PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTHS.									
1946 - June ..	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
1947 - June ..	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
December ..	3,358	118	7,106	2,451	899	444	11,363	3,013	14,376
1948 -									
January ..	4,073	144	7,015	2,308	267	412	11,355	2,864	14,219
February ..	5,850	244	7,243	2,498	348	597	13,441	3,339	16,780
March ..	6,221	364	7,149	2,518	306	579	13,676	3,461	17,137
April ..	3,022	168	7,199	2,563	266	416	10,487	3,147	13,634
May ..	1,946	140	7,416	2,568	1,010	556	10,372	3,264	13,636
June ..	1,718	120	7,426	2,514	458	491	9,602	3,125	12,727
July ..	1,196	115	7,922	2,556	660	580	9,778	3,251	13,029
August ..	1,142	118	8,105	2,619	359	498	9,606	3,235	12,841
September ..	938	116	7,976	2,579	831	577	9,745	3,272	13,017
October (a) ..	1,174	98	7,726	2,524	712	516	9,612	3,138	12,750
November (a) ..	1,197	116	7,610	2,536	1,376	681	10,183	3,333	13,516
December (a) ..	1,652	100	7,375	2,471	306	497	9,333	3,068	12,401

(a) Subject to Revision

4. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED.

(1) Duration: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuance was notified during December, 1948, and the six months ended December, 1948, is shown in the following table:-

III. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING DECEMBER, 1948 AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948 - AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefits	Persons							
	December, 1948				Six Months ended December, 1948			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Weeks								
Less than 1 ..	175	385	104	664	778	3,400	417	4,595
1 and under 2 ..	217	686	880	1,783	1,055	5,178	1,468	7,701
2 " " 3 ..	181	607	884	1,672	710	4,651	1,799	7,160
3 " " 4 ..	119	611	316	1,046	490	4,054	719	5,263
4 " " 5 ..	55	393	73	521	298	2,983	392	3,673
5 " " 9 ..	90	964	70	1,124	689	7,049	978	8,716
9 " " 13 ..	33	374	28	435	288	3,187	185	3,660
13 " " 27 ..	44	450	20	514	497	3,365	192	4,054
27 and over ..	28	205	16	249	314	1,491	98	1,903
TOTAL:	942	4,675	2,391	8,008	5,119	35,358	6,248	46,725

The following table shows, for discontinuances notified during December, 1948 and the six months ended December, 1948, the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

IV. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING DECEMBER, 1948 AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948 - PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA

Duration of Benefits	December, 1948				Six months ended December, 1948			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Weeks								
27 and over ..	2.98	4.39	0.67	3.11	6.13	4.22	1.57	4.07
13 " " ..	7.66	14.02	1.50	9.53	15.84	13.74	4.64	12.75
9 " " ..	11.16	22.02	2.67	14.96	21.47	22.75	7.60	20.58
5 " " ..	20.72	42.64	5.60	29.00	34.93	42.69	23.26	39.24
4 " " ..	26.56	51.05	8.65	35.51	40.75	51.12	29.53	47.10
3 " " ..	39.21	64.10	21.87	48.56	50.33	62.58	41.04	58.37
2 " " ..	58.34	77.09	58.84	69.44	64.18	75.74	69.83	73.69
1 " " ..	81.40	91.76	95.65	91.71	84.80	90.38	93.33	90.17
Less than 1 ..	18.60	8.24	4.35	8.29	15.20	9.62	6.67	9.83

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reason for terminating benefit whose discontinuance was notified during December, 1948, and the six months ended December, 1948, are shown below:-

V. REASONS FOR CESSATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING DECEMBER, 1948 AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948 : AUSTRALIA

Reason for Cessation	December, 1948.				Six Months ended December 1948.			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed ..	536	56.90	2,543	54.40	2,961	57.84	21,952	62.08
Incapacity terminated ..	-	-	1,293	27.66	-	-	8,740	24.73
Failure to report (a) ..	323	34.29	388	8.30	1,611	31.47	1,538	4.35
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act ..	22	2.34	43	0.91	200	3.91	231	0.66
Statutory age limit (b) ..	3	0.32	13	0.28	25	0.49	70	0.20
Permanent incapacity (c) ..	18	1.90	177	3.79	87	1.70	1,299	3.67
Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	0.05
Death ..	-	-	78	1.67	5	0.10	528	1.49
Transfer to another district ..	11	1.17	68	1.45	72	1.40	450	1.27
Other ..	29	3.08	72	1.54	158	3.09	532	1.50
TOTAL;	942	100.00	4,675	100.00	5,119	100.00	35,358	100.00

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pension. (c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pension.

5. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF DECEMBER, 1948.

Total Persons (i) Proportion per 10,000 in employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 25th December, 1948, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 46 per 10,000 comprising 7 unemployment, 36 sickness and 3 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females:-

VI. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH DECEMBER, 1948
PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.

Sex	Proportion	Number on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	Per 10,000 males ..	8	37	2	47
Females	Per 10,000 females ..	1	34	7	42
Persons	Per 10,000 persons ..	7	36	3	46

(ii) State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 25th December, 1948:-

VII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH DECEMBER, 1948 : STATES

State		Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
		Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W. (a) ..		273	37	2,683	844	119	173	3,075	1,054	4,129
Victoria ..		27	1	1,946	761	93	128	2,066	890	2,956
Queensland ..		1,205	58	1,215	346	52	71	2,472	475	2,947
S. Aust. (b) ..		10	1	670	224	6	30	686	255	941
W. Australia ..		106	2	541	194	25	42	672	238	910
Tasmania ..		31	1	320	102	11	53	362	156	518
Total 25th December, 1948:		1,652	100	7,375	2,471	306	497	9,333	3,068	12,401
Total 27th December, 1947:		3,358	118	7,106	2,451	899	444	11,363	3,013	14,376

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages: Distribution of persons on benefit at 25th December, 1948, according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

VIII. GROUPED AGE : PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH DECEMBER, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

Grouped Age (as at 31st December 1948)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
16 - 19 years	54	24	437	543	12	31	503	598	1,101
20 - 24 years	144	27	815	574	13	42	972	643	1,615
25 - 29 years	159	11	641	268	30	40	830	319	1,149
30 - 34 years	131	5	587	185	23	38	741	228	969
35 - 39 years	146	8	616	199	19	60	781	267	1,048
40 - 44 years	151	8	682	189	14	62	847	259	1,106
45 - 49 years	168	9	809	232	12	96	989	337	1,326
50 - 54 years	186	4	791	160	3	60	980	224	1,204
55 - 59 years	228	4	1,007	117	8	54	1,243	175	1,418
60 years and over	285	-	990	4	172	14	1,447	18	1,465
<u>TOTAL:</u>	1,652	100	7,375	2,471	306	497	9,333	3,068	12,401

6. UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING DECEMBER, 1948 AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH DECEMBER, 1948.

(i) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reason for termination of employment, as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during December, 1948, and the six months ended December, 1948, and by those who were on benefit at 25th December, 1948.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer, the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which are made by initiative of the employee.

IX. CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED ETC. DURING DECEMBER, 1948, AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

Cause of Unemployment	Admissions during -				On benefit	
	December 1948		Six Months ended Dec., 1948		25th December 1948	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
Discharged or laid-off -						
Disciplinary reasons ..	72	-	92	-	74	-
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness ..	35	1	253	13	69	-
Power rationing ..	-	-	2	-	4	2
Shortage of materials ..	101	5	863	33	74	4
Strikes and lockouts ..	33	-	122	3	83	2
Seasonal work ..	312	3	731	4	447	5
Casual work ..	109	3	670	13	214	7
Other including inadequately defined	152	12	882	98	312	33
Quitted -						
Medical infitness, work too heavy	121	11	674	113	255	31
Other, including inadequately defined	64	2	315	34	81	10
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account	12	-	76	2	28	1
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work ..	3	1	13	1	5	1
Other ..	2	1	15	11	6	4
TOTAL:	1,016	39	4,708	325	1,652	100

(ii) Industrial Groups: The following statement shows the distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during December, 1948, and the six months ended December, 1948, and of those on benefit at 25th December, 1948.

X. UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING DECEMBER, 1948, AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948 - AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Admissions during -				On benefit	
	December, 1948		Six months ended Dec., 1948		25th December 1948	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
Agricultural, Pastoral and dairying ..	133	-	428	1	204	3
Other Primary Production ..	10	-	54	-	16	-
Coal Mining ..	103	-	161	-	125	-
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	11	-	64	-	23	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, engineering, metal working including shipbuilding ..	107	5	979	18	111	1
Vehicles, including aircraft ..	10	-	78	1	23	-
Textiles and articles of dress ..	9	1	49	33	17	5
Food, drink and tobacco ..	262	5	749	22	412	12
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	18	-	105	-	32	-
Other factories, including heat, light and power ..	37	3	191	12	77	3
Building and Construction ..	103	-	592	-	177	-
Transport and Communication ..	37	-	234	9	107	3
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and retail trade ..	81	4	455	55	135	18
Finance and Property ..	9	-	34	-	13	-
Public Administration and Professional	44	6	254	38	89	14
Personal and Domestic Service ..	39	13	254	122	80	35
Other ..	3	2	27	14	11	6
TOTAL:	1,016	39	4,708	325	1,652	100

(iii) Males on Benefit: Distribution by States of males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 25th December, 1948, in the main industrial groups, is shown in the following table:-

XI. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 25TH DECEMBER, 1948.

S T A T E S.

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'ld	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying ..	31	4	158	-	6	5	204
Other Primary Production ..	-	-	15	-	1	-	16
Coal Mining ..	39	-	84	-	-	2	125
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	3	-	13	-	7	-	23
Factories and Industrial - Founding, Engineering, metal-working including shipbuilding ..	57	-	39	2	13	-	111
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	4	-	14	2	1	2	23
Textiles, and Articles of Dress ..	3	1	9	-	1	3	17
Food, drink and tobacco ..	4	2	402	-	2	2	412
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	7	-	20	-	4	1	32
Other factories, including heat, light and power ..	23	3	38	1	12	-	77
Building and Construction ..	30	5	126	2	10	4	177
Transport and Communication ..	11	6	78	1	7	4	107
Commerce and Finance - Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	28	1	87	2	13	4	135
Finance and Property ..	3	-	8	-	2	-	13
Public Administration and Professional ..	14	3	60	-	11	1	89
Personal and Domestic Service ..	14	2	47	-	15	2	80
Other ..	2	-	7	-	1	1	11
<u>TOTAL - 25th December, 1948:</u>	273	27	1,205	10	106	31	1,652
<u>TOTAL - 27th December, 1947:</u>	582	121	2,168	44	415	28	3,358

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iv) Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the six months ended December, 1948, and the persons on benefit at 25th December, 1948, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

XII. DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN, AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

S t a t e	Claims admitted during the six months ended December, 1948				On benefit at 25th December 1948			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
New South Wales (b) ..	166	9	1,271	85	70	2	203	35
Victoria ..	37	17	109	4	11	1	16	-
Queensland ..	717	74	1,837	111	293	27	912	31
South Australia(c) ..	34	2	26	-	7	1	3	-
Western Australia ..	368	10	82	11	93	2	13	-
Tasmania ..	37	1	24	1	18	-	13	1
<u>TOTAL:</u>	1,359	113	3,349	212	492	33	1,160	67

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Department of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide, and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan". (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING DECEMBER, 1948 AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH DECEMBER, 1948.

(i) Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefit claims whose admission was notified during the six months ended December, 1948 and those current at 25th December 1948, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table:-

XIII. DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

S t a t e	Claims admitted during the six months ended Dec., 1948				On benefit at 25th December, 1948			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b) ..	6,098	2,210	4,146	768	1,551	590	1,132	254
Victoria ..	4,369	1,635	1,997	510	1,389	590	557	171
Queensland ..	2,120	615	2,256	389	657	209	558	137
South Australia(c) ..	2,400	626	432	58	579	211	91	13
Western Australia ..	1,631	498	949	147	369	153	172	41
Tasmania ..	561	130	584	135	166	48	154	54
<u>TOTAL:</u>	17,179	5,714	10,364	2,007	4,711	1,801	2,664	670

(a) See footnote (a) to Table XII.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Industrial Groups: The distribution according to main industrial groups of persons on sickness benefit at 25th December, 1948, is shown in the following table:-

XIV. SICKNESS INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH DECEMBER, 1948.

AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying ..	643	9	652
Other Primary Production ..	169	-	169
Coal Mining ..	169	-	169
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	138	2	140
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, engineering, metal-working including shipbuilding ..	1,010	101	1,111
Vehicles, including aircraft ..	353	10	363
Textiles and articles of dress ..	246	408	654
Food, drink and tobacco ..	455	118	573
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	298	12	310
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	693	143	836
Building and Construction ..	1,136	7	1,143
Transport and Communication ..	708	59	767
Commerce and Finance -			
Wholesale and retail trade ..	708	447	1,155
Finance and Property ..	46	41	87
Public Administration and Professional ..	235	447	682
Personal and Domestic Service ..	337	662	999
Other ..	31	5	36
<u>TOTAL:</u>	7,375	2,471	9,846

(iii) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal cause of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during December, 1948, and the six months ended December, 1948, and of those on benefit at 25th December, 1948.

XV. NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED ETC. DURING DECEMBER, 1948 AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	Admissions during -				On benefit	
	December		Six months ended Dec. 1948		25th December	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Infective and Parasitic Diseases ..	192	57	2,537	710	359	164
Cancer ..	32	2	146	28	70	15
Other Tumours ..	24	24	230	155	60	62
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases ..	213	74	1,582	476	551	229
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs ..	11	25	122	127	42	45
Nervous System and Sense Organs ..	369	148	2,404	981	761	382
Circulatory System ..	334	60	2,297	369	944	166
Respiratory System ..	313	58	3,148	708	637	174
Digestive System ..	910	276	6,017	1,642	1,415	363
Genito-Urinary System ..	146	81	1,020	552	323	197
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc. ..	-	85	-	608	-	223
Skin and Cellular Tissue ..	208	37	1,395	297	288	61
Bones and Organs of Movement ..	83	31	690	201	205	92
Other Diseases (including Ill-defined Conditions) ..	62	47	427	271	106	103
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Fractures ..	393	48	2,779	285	1,066	125
Other Injuries, etc. ..	346	39	2,570	280	481	59
Operations (original disability not stated) ..	6	3	88	5	39	4
Other (including not stated) ..	16	4	91	26	28	7
<u>TOTAL:</u>	3,658	1,099	27,543	7,721	7,375	2,471

8. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the six months ended December, 1948, and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below:-

XVI. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948.

STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Percentage Rejects to total
N.S.W.(a)	4,463	2,932	15,468	2,246	3,188	203	23,119	5,381	23.28
Vic.	272	105	10,189	1,678	2,442	200	12,903	1,983	15.37
Q'ld.	5,193	2,454	6,331	951	290	102	11,814	3,507	29.69
S.A. (b)	2,887	2,825	4,246	730	110	31	7,243	3,586	49.50
W.A.	757	286	3,803	578	585	50	5,145	914	17.76
Tas.	73	10	1,612	202	99	26	1,784	238	13.34
<u>TOTAL:</u>	13,645	8,612	41,649	6,385	6,714	612	62,008	15,609	25.17

- (a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(b) Includes Northern Territory.

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